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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 23 August 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

see attached



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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant has proposed amendments to claim 48, line 6; claim 60, line 6; and claim 64, line 6 to recite "dot pattern tables" rather than "dot patterns". **The proposed amendments are entered** for the following reasons:

- It is reasonable for dot pattern tables to have a plurality of different dot patterns, as recited in the proposed amendments. However, it would not be logical for dot patterns to have a plurality of different dot patterns, as recited before the proposed amendments. So clearly the amendments correct an obvious error.
- The language of the proposed amendments mirrors language of unamended claim 52 (lines 4-5), unamended claim 56 (lines 5-6), and unamended claim 68 (lines 7-8). Thus, the subject matter that was intended to be claimed clearly corresponds to the proposed amendments and the proposed amendments simply correct an obvious error.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Thompson whose telephone number is 571-272-7441. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

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